

MAIL STOP – AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants' Amendment and Response is to an United States Patent and Trademark Office Action dated June 5, 2006. In the Action, the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for Applicants' reply of three months from the mailing date of the Action, *i.e.*, by September 5, 2006. Concurrently with the filing of this Amendment and Response, Applicants are requesting an extension of time of two months, until November 5, 2006. Since November 5, 2006 falls on a Sunday, Applicants' Amendment and Response, which is being filed on November 6, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 is timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.